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Winchester's Kai Napadow Baquero finishes sixth in state, Anshu Patra secures win as All-State wrestler

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Winchester High School junior wrestling captain Kai Napadow Baquero, second, left, is on the podium that highlights the Top 8 grapplers in the 113-pound weight class following the matches last Saturday at Methuen High School. Kai finished sixth overall. The Top 8 are, from left, Izaiah Brown (Framingham), Kai, Brayden Boccia (Milford), Johnny Moraes (Melrose), Cole Glynn (Central Catholic), Devon Mateo (West Springfield), Anthony Bojorquez (New Bedford) and Diego Cruz (Mt. Everett). COURTESY PHOTO/VITALY NAP

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Two Winchester High School Red & Black wrestlers – Anshu Patra and Kai Napadow Baquero –represented the team quite well during the All-State Meet last Friday and Saturday (Feb. 28 and March 1) at Methuen High School.

This annual event brings together the best wrestlers from all three divisions.

Patra, the girls senior team captain, secured two wins during the girls portion of the All-State Meet, while on the other side of the mat, Napadow Baquero, the boys team's junior captain, became the first Winchester wrestler in five years to place at the annual statewide event – sixth overall in the 113-pound weight class.

As a result, Napadow Baquero has qualified for the All-New England Regional Championship Meet this weekend in Providence, R.I.

The top six wrestlers in each weight class throughout the state competed in the All-States, and the Winchester junior captain was among them as one of the best of the bests this year.

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Winchester High School junior wrestling captain Kai Napadow Baquero poses with his coaches after coming in sixth in the 113-pound weight class during the All-State Meet last weekend at Methuen High School. They are, from left, assistant coach Anthony Fraumeni, Kai, head coach Ryan Errico and assistant coach Tomi Uyehara. He now moves on to the All-New England Regional Meet this weekend in Providence. COURTESY PHOTO/VITALY NAPADOW

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Napadow Baquero made it to the state finals after winning the Division 3 state championship for the second year in a row. He was then able to battle through the statewide bracket to earn a sixth-place finish.

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He now has a record of 46-8, and continues to prove himself to be among the best in the state, which is made of approximately 160 high school teams.

Napadow Baquero will now compete in the 113-pound weight class against his elite peers in all six New England states this weekend.

Through the tireless efforts of head cCoach Ryan Errico and his assistants Anthony Fraumeni and Tomi Uyehara, the Red & Black wrestling program is growing and improving rapidly, and will hopefully have even more wrestlers place in the ensuing years at the All-States in order to qualify for the regional meet.

Find out more about the team on and off the mat on its website.

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Winchester boys basketball heads to Bridgewater-Raynham for Sweet 16 game after beating Lexington in postseason opener

It was the third meeting this year between Middlesex League boys basketball rivals Lexington (16-5, 11th seed) and Winchester (17-4, 22nd seed). They split the first two during the regular season, thus making this Round of 32 postseason matchup the impromptu rubber game of this year's series, with the

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Winchester wrestling enjoys Top 10 finish at state divisional meet; senior captains move on to All-States

After the Winchester High qualified wrestlers competed hard over two days last weekend (Feb. 20, 21) in the State Division 1 Meet at North Andover High School, Mother Nature gave them a break to rest and recuperate with Monday's blizzard that resulted in two days off from school. There

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Winchester boys hockey advances to the Sweet 16 after beating Wachusett in the tournament opener

The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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With postseason starting Friday night, WHS boys hoop seniors English, Sarpong, Burbine join Middlesex League elite

The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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